



## ASMC Newsletter . . . Mount Vernon Chapter

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By COL Bill Antley

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday. With Christmas and Hanukah right around the corner, we transition from the period of thanksgiving to the one of giving. Gifts come in many different shapes, sizes, colors, smells, or forms. In other words, a gift is not necessarily a tangible object. A gift could be performing a service. And now is the time when the Mount Vernon Chapter could use your gift of service.

Recently, four members of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) resigned. Our Service Director, Rita Roberts, departed due to a job change. Robyn Walick graciously volunteered to serve as the Service Director for the remaining term. We really appreciate Robyn's stepping forward to take-on this very important function. That's one down and three to go. The Chapter desperately needs a new Membership Director, Webpage Director, and Social & Community Services Director. If you are interested in assuming one of these positions, please contact me or Meg Dunlevy. Our phone numbers are at the end of the newsletter. Remember that giving is more rewarding than receiving, so please examine your conscience and seriously consider serving in one of these open positions on the CEC.

Again, as we approach the cheerful season, don't forget to mark your calendar for the Chapter Luncheon at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club 11 December. Not only will the Officers' Club's seasonal decorations help put us in the festive spirit, but the excellent food should prove to be a foretaste of upcoming holiday cheer. Moreover, there will be some excellent prizes (supplied by the CEC directors) to be raffled off. To add to the fun we'll enjoy a holiday game or two.

Normally, during this time of year the Chapter conducts a food drive or other type of community service; however, the Mount Vernon Chapter's contributions to the less fortunate will be limited without a Social & Community Service Director to organize donation efforts. Until we fill the Director's position please help as much as you can to other philanthropic programs in the area.

Again, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday, and I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season.

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# Chapter News

## 6 November 2003 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

by  
Edna Plancon, Secretary

The CEC meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers was called to order at 11:10 by President COL Bill Antley. The meeting was held in the Alexandria Room at the Officer's Club on Fort Belvoir.

### The following Officers were in attendance:

COL Bill Antley, President  
Meg Dunleavy, Vice President  
Edna Plancon, Secretary  
Pat Ackerman, Education Director  
Deborah McLauren, Publicity & Photography Director  
L.Lisa Hughes, Chapter Competition Director  
Stacey Royston, Newspaper Director  
Robyn Walick, Services Director  
Sherry Broussard, Treasurer  
John Raines, Program Director

### The following officers were excused:

Terri Jackson, Awards & Scholarships

### Information on upcoming luncheons:

The November luncheon will be held at Mount Vernon Inn in Alexandria.

### Officer's Discussion:

President – Col Antley asked for approval of the October minutes. He also asked if we could order some ASMC coins. Pat – Motion to authorize the purchase of ASMC coins, not to exceed \$350.00. Meg Seconded the motion, motion carried.

COL Antley and Robyn will go over the new membership roster, to make sure all members are on the existing list, so canvass your area to see who is a member, and if they are on the new roster. Col Antley also asks that you bring a copy of the minutes to the CEC meeting, so they can be voted on. Col Antley asked for approval of the October minutes. Meg made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Pat. Motion carried. Since Rita resigned as the Services director, Pat motioned to approve Robyn as being the new Services director. Seconded by Sherry – motion carried.

**Vice President** – Meg - No report

**Awards & Scholarship** – No Report

**Chapter Competition Director** – L.Lisa - sent two articles to national. Since John often gives speeches on ASMC, L Lisa asked John to send copies of his speeches to her. Any thing to do with ASMC, this gets us points toward our five star chapter. L Lisa needs to get approval to have raffle tickets at the luncheons. She mentioned the annual report is due in April.

**Education Director** – Pat - contacted Ernie Gregory's office to see if he is available to do ½ day career development at the PDD in April, she has not received a response.

**Membership Director** – Randi/Rose – No Report.

**Newsletter Director** – Stacey - announced deadline for newsletter articles is the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

**Program Director** – John - CEC board members will bring gifts to the December luncheon. John is going to call Al Tucker to speak at the January Luncheon. He is also going to get permission to put the log for CPE's on the website.

**Publicity and Photography Director** – Deborah - sent a calendar to the Eagle, and also to the CEC members.

**Secretary** – Edna – set up a calendar for November and December. If there is anything you want on the calendar, please let her know. Copies of the By-Laws and Constitution were sent to National Headquarters, and also to L Lisa for her records.

**Services Director** – The December luncheon will be held at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club.

**Social & Community Services Director** – Looking for someone to fill this position.

**Treasurer** – Sherry issued a check to Marticia to reimburse her for the money she spent on the last PDD. Edna will deliver the check to her.

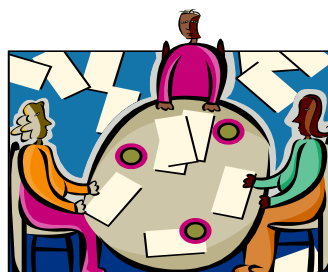
**Web Master** – Kevin – Looking for someone to fill this position.

**New Business** – There was no new business to come before the board.

**Old Business** - Sherry needs to get everything together to give to the auditor, so the books can be audited.

**Announcements** – Our next CEC Meeting will be held on November 6th, at the Eagle's Espresso on Fort Belvoir. Our December luncheon will be held at the Fort Belvoir's Officer's Club.

**Adjournment** – Pat Ackerman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Meg Dunleavy. Motion carried.



# Chapter News

## December Luncheon

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, 11 December 2003 at 11:30

**TOPIC:** Annual Holiday Party

**LOCATION:** Fort Belvoir Officers' Club, (Alexandria Room)

**MENU:** Buffet (2 hot entrees, salads, soup, veggies, dessert, tea/coffee (sorry, not soda!))

**COST:** Members \$13.00 Non-members \$14.00

Come and join in on the fun, friendship, and festivities with the Mount Vernon Chapters annual Holiday Party! Good food, good friends, raffle prizes and a few surprises.

## JANUARY LUNCHEON

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, 8 January 2004 at 11:30

**SPEAKER:** Mr. Alvin Tucker, former Deputy CFO of the Department of Defense

**LOCATION:** Fort Belvoir North Post Golf Clubhouse

**MENU:** Buffet, salad and soup bar, rolls, dessert, and soda/coffee/tea/.

**COSTS:** Members \$12.00 Non-members \$13.00

## PROGRAMS

**January** - Mr. Alvin Tucker, CDFM, CGFM, CPA, and CIA, former Deputy CFO of the DoD and now with Grant Thornton. Topics will be "The Other Certifications" and "What Civilian Employers Look For!"

**February** - Tentatively Mr. Stephen Ramp of OSD Personnel and Readiness, will speak on the New Defense Personnel System. See how these changes will impact you.

As always the luncheon speakers are a component of the chapter's "ASMC Professional Development Year" theme and will be credited as CPE for CDFM certification purposes.

### FREE MONEY!!!

....And now that I have everyone's attention! Our 2004 High School Scholarship Program has begun. Information relating to the applications for our scholarships can be found at our monthly luncheons or by calling our Scholarship Director at 703 681-4288.

As an organization, we are dedicated to promoting comptrollership through education. Annually we provide several \$1,000.00 awards to deserving students pursuing a degree in a field related to financial management. In addition to our local awards, we also will nominate two of our chapter winners to compete for a scholarship from our National Headquarters for an additional \$2,000.00 award. The deadline for competing for these scholarships is **28 Feb 04**. Please encourage high school seniors that you know to apply for these scholarships.

### Individual and Team Awards

Nominations for the ASMC Individual and Team Achievement Awards are due **January 31, 2004**. Applications may be submitted directly to the ASMC National Awards Committee and/or through our Scholarship and Awards Director, who will forward them to National. We would like to be notified of any nominations so that all the outstanding nominees can be recognized at a monthly luncheon.

Please take some time for this worthwhile endeavor. Basic information may be found at [www.asmconline.org](http://www.asmconline.org) or by calling Terri Jackson at 703-681-4288. Application packets will also be available at the January monthly luncheon.



## Awards and Scholarship Calendar



<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Form Scholarship Committee	October
Scholarship letters and applications to area high schools	November
Prepare article for Nov/Dec Newsletter about awards and continuing education programs	November
Develop rating/ranking forms for continuing education	December
Process individual award nominations and get chapter approval to forward to National	January
Select chapter continuing education grant winner, write endorsement for President and forward to National Competition	January
Prepare scholarship packages for grading/ranking	January
Scholarship Committee meet and rank nominees (select number 1 applicant)	February
Write recommendation for President's signature	February
Begin preparing letters to all scholarship applicants (including continuing education)	March
Order awards and plaques	March
Determine amount available for scholarships (after PDD)	April
Finalize letters to students both winners and losers	April
Prepare awards luncheon presentation	April
Officiate at awards luncheon	May
File all documents in book	June



# National News

**PDI 2004...** The PDI 2004 will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on June 1- June 4 and will be hosted by the Cleveland chapter with assistance from Buckeye and Aviation chapters. If you have a suggestion for a workshop topic, please contact Jennifer Sizemore by 31 December.

Some planning tidbits:

- \* A letter will be sent to all chapters in December with details about the Chapter Fair and its theme. Booths will be enlarged from last year, and each chapter will be limited to one.

- \* The Health Fair on Tuesday will have an expanded number of exhibitors, to include medical advice and health screening such as glucose, cholesterol, and blood pressure.

- \* Sixteen hotels are reserved, with a range in price from \$85 to \$116.

- \* Registration will open at the end of February.

- \* Early registration for ASMC members will be \$450.

- \* The Federal Executive Institute will be providing workshops.

- \* Video streaming will be available, as with PDI 2003. Fewer workshops will be filmed, but the sessions will count for Continuing Professional Education Units. San Diego Chapter Grant Program - Update The notice on page 9 of the recently mailed Armed Forces Comptroller announces the San Diego Chapter Grant Program. Please accept the following changes to the text as you consider whether to apply:

- Due date is 15 December - either emailed or postmarked by that date.

- Electronic submissions without signature are acceptable if emailed by the chapter president or vice president.

- The web page cited in the notice is down for repair. Email the contact below for an application.

- Email CDR Gregory Martin at [gregory.martin@navy.mil](mailto:gregory.martin@navy.mil) or call 619-524-7252 with questions regarding this program. If you are mailing an application, please advise CDR Martin by email.

## Chapter Award Plaques

In September, we mailed all the chapter award plates to winning chapters. Unfortunately, the plates were created with holes, which are not what we use on the perpetual plaques. New plates will be mailed to all winning chapters in the beginning of December, along with the plaques for chapters waiting on those. Several chapters have queried about missing or lost chapter plaques. If your chapter has misplaced a plaque or plate, or you suspect that your plaque may not be complete, contact Jennifer Sizemore at ASMC HQ <http://www.asmcnline.org/> Bulletin Board

The ASMC website has a bulletin board forum to facilitate communication and networking between chapters. We encourage you to use this forum to exchange information, gather input, and announce chapter programs. Please remember that inquiries for ASMC staff members should be sent via e-mail.

## Chapter Liability Insurance

All chapters have liability coverage under the national insurance policy, as each chapter pays \$1.00 per member for this policy. A copy of the policy is available on the ASMC website and is updated each year in January. A chapter officer should print the certificate and insure it is on file with your installation.

## Award Deadlines Approaching

Several award categories have deadlines that are fast approaching. Please insure that your chapter members have an opportunity to be recognized... submit a nomination! All award forms and rules are available on the ASMC website! Please keep in mind the following deadlines:

Individual & Team Achievement 31 January

Corporate Member of the Year 31 January

Essay Contest 28 February

Members Continuing Education Grants 28 February

NCM Presentations Available On-Line

Workshop presentations from the Mid-Year National Council Meeting held 12-13 November,

2003, are now available in the professional development section of the ASMC website at

<http://www.asmcnline.org/development>.

## Pay-Day Lending

Mr. Roderick Mitchell made a presentation at the Mid-Year National Council Meeting outlining the danger of Pay-Day Lending. He introduced the Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation, which has been established to provide information and training on personal financial management. We encourage Chapters to gain further information on this subject at <http://www.pentagonfoundation.org/>.

## Membership Dues Review

Mr. Charlie Cook, USMC Vice President of ASMC, has been appointed as a committee of one to review individual dues structure. He will consider in his report all aspects of dues to include amount of membership dues, multi-year dues, and on-line payment. Please respond to queries and surveys he will initiate.

## **What does your credit report look like to a potential employer?**

**Written by Joe Riggio**



When was the last time you checked your credit with all three major agencies? It is a good idea to check your credit before your potential employer does. You should do this at least every six months, especially if you have a clearance. Why? Someone else's information may be on your report and have a negative impact on you.

You can get the information corrected and it can take some time. So if you are in the running for a position you may not have the time to get things corrected before a decision is made on who will get the job. In a competitive job market any distracters can knock you out of the running. Some companies are doing credit checks to see how you handle your finances before you start handling theirs. They also want to know if there are any indicators to problems after they hire you. It costs the company a great deal of money to hire the wrong person, so they take a few more steps upfront to check you out.

If you want to get your credit checked by all three agencies and have it done fast and accurate go to [www.JoeRiggio.com](http://www.JoeRiggio.com) and click on Your 3 in One Credit Banner at the bottom of the page. You can get different options to include notifications about any changes in your credit report. The report includes information from Experian, TransUnion and Equifax. You can also send in correction information on line. Make sure all three credit bureaus are reporting your correct name, address, and employer. Also watch out for incorrect addresses—this may be a sign that an identity thief has redirected your mail to a false address.

It is also a good idea to see your Credit Score and Analysis so that you can find out how you're viewed through the eyes of a lender and get tips for improving your credit standing. This can help you after you land that great paying position and you want to go out and buy your first home or a bigger home. Remember you are your own business (You Inc.) so you want to know how you rate with these agencies.

Remember all you have is now so make it a great now!

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